

REMARKS

Applicants have received a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers (hereinafter "the Notice") dated October 21, 2003. The Notice indicated that drawings were embedded in the application on pages 14 and 15 of the specification as filed. The Notice further indicated that a substitute specification and substitute drawings are required.

Upon review of the application, applicants have determined that pages 14 and 15 of the specification correspond to Figures 1A-1D of the application as filed. These Figures were also submitted as Figures with the application as filed. There is no additional subject matter on pages 14 and 15 of the specification other than the drawings also submitted separately as Figures 1A-1D. Thus, applicants respectfully request that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter the "Patent Office") delete pages 14 and 15 in their entireties.

Applicants further submit that a substitute specification and substitute drawings should not be required. Applicants' representative contacted the Customer Service Center of the Initial Patent Examination Division of the Patent Office on October 27, 2003, and was informed that since the Response would request the deletion of the entireties of pages 14 and 15, and further that the Figures improperly embedded in the specification were separately submitted as Figures 1A-1D, it would not be necessary to file a substitute specification and substitute drawings.

Thus, as indicated hereinabove, the requested removal of pages 14 and 15 from the application should obviate the need to provide a substitute specification and substitute drawings because: (a) the drawings at issue are removed from the specification; and (b) the subject matter encompassed by pages 14 and 15 has already been provided as drawings when the application was originally submitted. Review of the submitted drawings and pages 14 and 15 has indicated that these pages and the submitted drawings are identical.

In summary, applicants request that the Patent Office remove pages 14 and 15 from the application. Applicants respectfully submit that as a result of

the removal of pages 14 and 15, the application papers are now in proper form and are in condition for examination.

The Commissioner or his representative is invited to contact the undersigned for clarification as necessary.

CONCLUSIONS

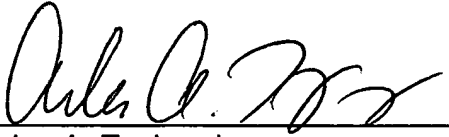
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0426.

Respectfully submitted,

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